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PRAYER FOR TODAY

"God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot
change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the
difference."

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On The Cover

As Kathleen Wilson, Betty Delaney and Mary Ann Belzer return to work after a nourishing lunch, Bill Cole applies a few more finishing touches to one of the beautiful ACP lawns under his care. We chose this cover picture for several reasons: Dave McInnes took an Academy Award photograph of our Ambler "nerve center"; the main office buildings have never been shown in a head-on view before; and since Bill Cole is a member of the Maintenance Department, the picture ties in logically with our feature article on pages 6 and 7. Incidentally, Dave McInnes took the photographs for this story. They were all good. The only reason we didn't use all of them was that we ran out of space.

**LET'S TURN AROUND...
AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

By CHARLES F. KETTERING

(Mr. Cherksey and Mr. Spruance, Sr. attended the opening of the great General Motors Technical Center in Detroit. They were so impressed with Mr. Kettering and the talk he gave that they feel it worth while to print the speech en toto for all ACP News readers.)

I am delighted to be here, even though it is a chilly day.

I am following Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, who is from Minneapolis, and this reminds me of a little story of the fellow standing on the corner reading a newspaper. He said, "I see here where it was thirty degrees below zero."

The man standing beside him said, "Is that Fahrenheit or Centigrade?"

"Neither," he replied. "It's Minneapolis."

I have been an inventor all my life, and of course a great many people think of inventors as screwballs or long-hairs. I can't claim the last, so I will put on my hat.

This Technical Center is just a new home for the continuing process of assembly and development of General Motors technical facilities. I started in the haymow of a barn in Dayton, where we developed the self-starter. Many years later, on the second floor of a tobacco warehouse, we started the work which led to the development of tetraethyl lead and to the great improvement in efficiency of the internal combustion engine.

So we have brought together here all of the facilities, picking them up from various places where they were scattered all over the City of Detroit. This is only a new home for facilities which were started some forty years ago and have been continuously developed.

To me a technical center is a place where people can think and develop ideas. One thing worries me about this Technical Center. I am afraid that the people there may lean too heavily on the facilities and forget that ideas are developed in the mind. If we took all the people away, it would be obvious that nothing would come out of the Technical Center.

Facilities can work in two ways. I had a friend who had been ill a



C. F. KETTERING

few years ago. He said, "What am I going to do? I need to get outdoors."

So I suggested that he play golf, since I had never played it. He got some good golf clubs and he went out and played 18 holes. When he was through he said, "Nobody can break seventy. It took me 140 strokes."

But six or seven years later he broke seventy, with exactly the same clubs. He didn't weigh any more, he might have weighed a little less, but he was the thing that had changed, not the clubs and not the golf course. He had a different coordination of thinking, of his physical being, so that he could now do in 70 strokes what used to take him 140.

I am sure that the reaction on the personnel here in the Technical Center will be exactly the same. Whatever the people are when they come here, in succeeding years they will become better people, and these

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CHERKSEY AND ROMIG ADVANCE TO NEW POSITIONS

On July 1st, 1956, Leon Cherksey became Chairman of the Board and Gerald C. Romig succeeded him as President of the American Chemical Paint Company.

As Chairman of the Board, Leon Cherksey is the first officer in our Company's history to serve in this new capacity. The new Chairman has been with ACP thirty-seven years, having joined the firm in 1919. He became Secretary-Treasurer in

1930, and in 1939 he became ACP's President, a position he held until the recent management change.

The new President, Gerald C. Romig, came with ACP in 1928 and his experience of almost thirty years includes eighteen years as chemist in the Research and Development Department and eleven years as V.P.

Both Cherksey and Romig are on the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Paint Company.

In a letter sent to all ACP employees on June 29th, Mr. Cherksey stated that, "These changes do not contemplate any less activity on my part, I will continue to be vitally interested in the welfare of each employee. However, primarily, I see my job to be that of planning for the future of the Company... I am confident you will give Mr. Romig the same fine cooperation and loyalty which has been accorded to me."

LOOK TO THE FUTURE (Continued)

facilities will increase in value not because of their changing but because of a better understanding of what can be done with them.

Sometimes we forget the extent of this great automotive industry that has grown up here. We have roughly sixty million cars, trucks and so forth in the United States. Suppose we figure five seats to a vehicle, that gives us 300,000,000 seats. We have only 160,000,000 people in this country, so we can take the entire population of England, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal along as guests. I am sure some people think that is what we do every Sunday.

This great facility has been made possible by three things—rubber, petroleum and steel. It has been made possible because of the rubber-tired vehicle, which has performed a function that nobody even anticipated.

Every year when we come out with these new models, our sales people say, "Now, ladies and gentlemen, you are looking at the greatest motor car that has ever been built."

Then the competitors get a look at it and come to the conclusion they might need some changes. So this great competitive industry of ours has progressed and developed because of what it has meant to the customer.

Any successful concern, in my book, is the one that runs the best errands for its customers, and the successful researcher is the one that runs the best errands for ideas. Once you pull an idea out of oblivion, you never put it back, and therefore we have to deal with all of these new things and provide proper integration of them into our every-day life.

The Technical Center is then after all, a facility. I think of it as a great intellectual golf course where we can go out and practice. The great difference between an inventor and a scientist is the fact that the inventor, when he fails, counts it as a practice shot, and it doesn't make any difference how many times he makes it.

I think it was Edison who made a study and said that the more education you had, the less likely you were to become an inventor. A friend of mine remarked that that was the best recommendation for education that he had ever heard.

If that is so, it is due mainly to one reason. A child from the time he goes to school is taught that it is very, very dangerous to fail. He doesn't want to have the stigma of failure put on him, and if he fails once in school he is out.

The inventor fails 9,999 times and if he succeeds once, he is in. So it all depends on the point of view at which you look at failure.

Here in this institution we have a place where we can make indefinite practice shots, and the only time we don't want to fail is the last time we try it.

What then lies ahead? Dr. Hafstad and Mr. Curtice touched on some of the things we have done and that can be done. The thing we need to do is to have in our minds the idea that the future is infinite. You can't avoid it. What are you going to do with it then?

I say it is infinite, it is inevitable, and it should be compulsory on our part to use it in the best way that we can.

We have studied history so long,

we have looked back into history so much, that we have been backing into the future. I would like to have us turn around with our backs to history and look into the future to see what we can do.

Anything that you think of today can be done, but it takes time. There is one thing that we must bring into the picture consistently: How long is it from the concept of an idea to the time we have the product in the hands of the customer?

It may be fifty or sixty years sometimes before an idea develops. But if we will recognize that there is a definite time before an idea can become a product, provided the customers are available for it, the future is the greatest natural asset we have. You make its value, depending upon how you think.

With willing hands and open minds, the future will be greater than the most fantastic story you can write. You will always underrate it.



Here's the picture of Bill Boyer and his new TV set that we promised you in our January issue.



VISITING ROYALTY . . . American Chemical Paint Company this week welcomed a royal visitor, His Royal Highness Prince Saif Eleslam Alhassan, brother of the King of Yemen, seated left. He is discussing agricultural problems in the kingdom with Warren E. Weston, seated, and Lionel A. Dorsay, standing extreme right, of ACP's International Division. His main concern is the utilization of herbicides in his coffee crops. Other visitors from Yemen are, standing left to right, Winston Dindial, His Excellency M. Alhaifi, the Prince's secretary, and interpreter Ghassan Rafiq Masri. In the United States as chief delegate from Yemen to the United Nations, the Prince plans to stay a few more months. If you missed Yemen in your school geography, here's a tip: Yemen is south of Saudi Arabia and across the Red Sea from Ethiopia.

AMBLER HIGH '56 GRADUATES VISIT ACP

Wilson Speaks at School Assembly

On Wednesday, May 9th, ACP was host to a group of about fifty members of the Class of 1956, Ambler Joint High School. The plant visitation was sponsored by the

Philadelphia Area Chapter of ACES—Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, Inc. This is a nation-wide organization that seeks to develop a better understanding of

our economic system among high school seniors, and to demonstrate the advantages of competitive enterprise.

The program began with a showing of the film "Enjoy Your Garden" on the ground floor of Building No. 18. Then came guided tours to various parts of the plant and a close look at behind-the-scenes operations to learn about ACP products and their contributions to industry and agriculture. Bob Breininger, John Horn, Adolf Karcher, Lloyd Shepherd, and Frank Boland acted as guides, and Joe Torchiana presented the moving picture. The students were given a mimeographed vest pocket guide to ACP and a package of ROOTONE with full directions.

Frank Wilson, ACP Personnel Director, spoke at the High School Friday morning. He gave a brief historical background of the Company, told of its products and its work today and stressed the importance of thorough preparatory work in high school and college.



Joe Torchiana prepares to show Ambler High Seniors how to enjoy their gardens.

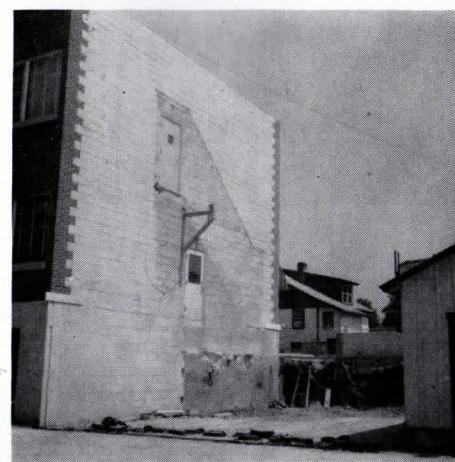


Agricultural Chemical Division's display at the July Garden Preview in San Francisco. John Thornagle on the left tells Hugh F. McNeil, Manager of Roof Garden Nursery about the advantages of the new "Weedone" Crab Grass Killer with SODAR. According to the sign, Weedone with "Sodar" kills crab-grass and Amizol kills poison oak.

Low Calorie Diet

Two cannibals met in a mental institution. One was tearing out pictures of men, women, and children from a magazine, stuffing them into his mouth, and eating them.

"Tell me," said the other, "is that dehydrated stuff any good?"



These two pictures show work in progress in July on the new addition to Building No. 18. Office workers will welcome the extra space which may be available about the first part of next year.



Digging the trench for the ceramic tile drainage pipe shown in the truck on the left.

NEW AND IMPROVED DRAINAGE FOR ACP FARM

Summertime 1956, and the rains came and went with decreased erosion of the soil at our Research Farm. Acting on planning and recommendations of the Soil Conservation Service, contractors Willkie and Bishop modified the landscape for more effective drainage.

Thirteen hundred feet of ceramic tile pipe in one foot sections parallel

to the entrance road, and 500 feet of diversion terrace on a one percent grade replaced the ditch that formerly functioned somewhat ineffectively as a reception committee for summer rainstorms.

The area primarily benefitting from the "face-lifting" operation is the back upper end of the ACP Farm, near the farm house.

ACP AUTHORS

In 1955, Joe Leaper (August 1955 issue) and Russ Bishop wrote an article with the intriguing title "The Resolution of Phyto-Hormone Acids By Means Of Their Optically Active Phenylisopropylamides. Resolution of α -(1-Naphthyl) Propi-

onic Acid." This paper was read in July 1955 at a symposium held at Wye College (University of London) by Joe Leaper, and later printed in "The Chemistry and Mode of Action of Plant Growth Substances." Congratulations on your research and your paper, Joe and Russ!



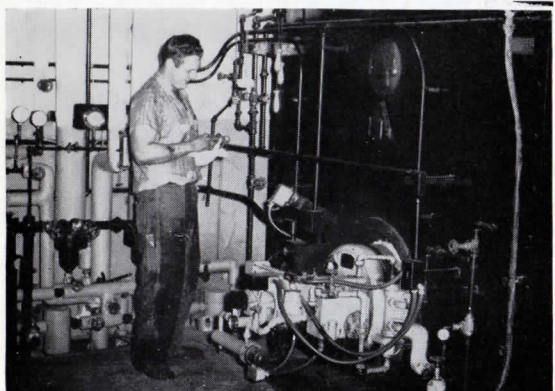
Joe Leaper (center) at the Wye College Symposium.



Harry Bailey, Supervisor.



Charlie Morris keeps Maintenance Department records.



Eddie Ruth in Boiler Room.

SPECIALISTS IN SKILLED SERVICE

Maintenance, at ACP, is a many-splendored thing, streamlined, specialized, and custom-tailored for our own chemical operations. Boilers, cranes, dippers, electricity, lawns, fires, floods, pipes, shrubs and special equipment — these and many other items receive attention from the Maintenance Department, some regularly, some — the emergency items — when they put in an unwelcome appearance.

However varied the functions of this Department, it is constantly guided in its work by two main objectives: to maintain the plant and all its physical equipment in good working order, and to make the plant as attractive as possible. Both objectives cover a wide range of services including minor office equipment repairs as well as the care and operation of the plant boilers.

Let's take a guided tour of the Maintenance Department and learn about some of the jobs that this busy group of specialists performs day after day. Our guides will be Harry Bailey and Charlie Morris, who very kindly contributed the information, and Dave McInnes who took the photographs.

Let us start with the boilers, which must operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and are sometimes called the "heart" of an industry. ACP's heart consists of two Keeler boilers, each one having the power of 125 horses. They consume over 300,000 gallons of fuel oil a year. They supply heat to all buildings and steam to every formulation unit requiring heat for processing. Although the boilers are automatic, electrically controlled, they must be checked every hour around the clock.

In winter, if either boiler should

fail for even a short time, the plant would begin to cool and immediate repairs would be necessary.

This has happened and frequently the trouble developed after regular working hours. But Maintenance men left their homes during the night or weekends and repaired the ailing boiler without delay.

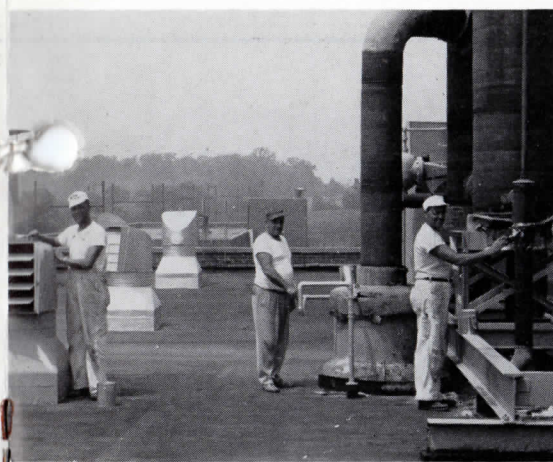
In our chemical industry at ACP, pipe lines are the all-important circulation system. Miles of pipe lines carry water, steam, gas, and air, and transfer fluid ingredients from storage tanks to formulating units and then move the finished fluid product to storage tanks or directly to tank cars for immediate shipment.

At ACP these pipes are steel, stainless steel, galvanized iron, lead, polyvinyl chloride, and glass. Special skills must be developed to install and repair each kind and a supply of fittings and pipe must be kept on hand for quick repairs when break-downs occur. Six men of the department spend much of their time in this service.

Electrical power keeps equipment running and it must flow into the plant without interruption. Power is supplied to the plant by Philadelphia Electric Co. at 4000 volts. It is then reduced to 220 and 110 volts in our two transformer vaults in Buildings Nos. 5 and 14.

As with every industry, the supply of electricity is vital. Every failure can stop production. Agitators, hoists, pumps, and laboratory equipment depend upon a steady supply of current. A blown fuse or a grounded connection requires the immediate attention of the electricians.

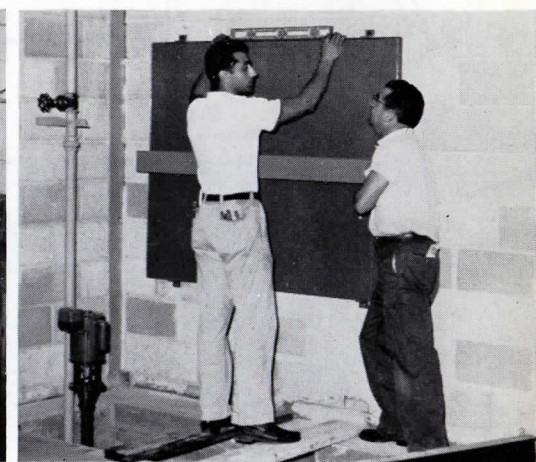
The electrical shop was moved recently from Building No. 1 to the Machine Shop. Here a well-lighted, enclosed shop was built with handy



Art Carter, Jim Rupton and Bob Godorecci, painters, on Building No. 4 roof.



George Barreca and Wolfgang Burlein building a shipping box.



Joe Feckno and Waldo Dragani install panel board in new pilot plant.

ACP's Maintenance Department Keeps The Plant Operating Smoothly

storage space for many items. This new location, also provides good bench working area where the electricians can service ridometers and greasometers and make dippers — all of them specialized instruments for ACP processes.

Another important service of the Maintenance Department is welding. Many repairs on pipes, tanks, and machines can be made most rapidly by welding. In many cases welding repairs have added years to the service of equipment. The welding equipment consists of two Lincoln welders (one portable) and two acetylene burning outfits. An adequate stock of various kinds of welding rod is maintained at all times.

Another responsibility of the Maintenance Department is the repair and servicing of ACP's land fleet — six road trucks and ten fork trucks. These are in constant use and need regular inspection, service, and repairs. Two mechanics spend much of their time on this work.

Pumps are still another responsibility and ACP has dozens of them in service. Some pumps transfer acids and other ingredients and corrosion as well as normal wear is a constant problem. Several pumps handle waste fluids and must be checked for operation every day.

Carpentry and cabinet work belong in Maintenance, too. Shelves, cabinets, doors, storage cages have to be built and changes made in the offices and laboratories. Special shipping boxes and crates and boxcar gates are built as required by the Shipping Department. Carboys are returned every day from our customers and they must be cleaned, inspected, repaired, and painted for re-use.

The Machine Shop is well equipped with lathes, drill presses, a pipe-threading machine, a shaper, a power saw for metal, and a table saw for wood. Here metal parts are made and repaired. Sometimes an entire unit for some special experiment or process is fabricated. An important part of the shop is the storeroom. Here thousands of fittings and replacement parts for many machines, bolts, screws, gasket material, and heavy duty tools must be kept in order and ready for issue to the mechanics as required for jobs.

The Maintenance Department not only safeguards plant operations but also keeps up appearances both of the buildings and the grounds. It keeps the several rest rooms of the plant clean and in good order. It maintains floors clean and free of debris for both safety and appearance.

Painters finish and refinish tanks and buildings to give the plant a new bright look and to extend the life of the materials they decorate. These "protectors and decorators" do all interior and exterior painting as required.

ACP is proud to have excellent lawns and shrubbery around the offices and plant. Expert care has been applied to turf and plantings and the Maintenance Department excels in keeping the lawns and hedges in perfect condition so that they create a good first impression upon visitors. The neighbors, also, appreciate this tidy appearance of an industry in their midst.

The fire brigade comes under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Department. If there is a fire, a potential fire, or a fire hazard anywhere in the plant, it is the fire brigade's responsibility to either put

out the fire or eliminate the fire hazard.

If the power goes off during the night — again the Maintenance Department is called to find and remedy the trouble and have the plant ready for operation at starting time the next morning. Floods, or any other emergency that affects the operation of the plant, will find the Maintenance Department ready and willing to take care of that emergency.

This has been a brief glimpse at the Maintenance Department and its work. It is by no means a complete picture; space would not permit an article long enough for that. What we have attempted to do is to focus attention on some of the many interesting functions of the Maintenance Department and indicate their importance in the scheme of things here at ACP.

The next time the lights go out, or the air-conditioners stop cooling, or your inside telephone doesn't hum, just be comforted by the thought that Harry Bailey and his Maintenance Department specialists will soon have these unruly conditions under control.

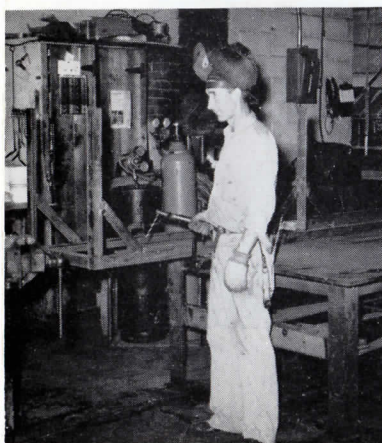
Bailey summarized the work of his Department pretty neatly. He stated that, "We are strictly a Service Department, seeing or trying to see that everything runs smoothly and everybody gets prompt and courteous attention when they have a breakdown, when they have a special mechanical problem, need something built or changed. So, we must have the material on hand, and the trained personnel to take care of these problems, as they come up. Each day, it's something new, something different, and certainly working in the Maintenance Department never becomes boring."

Harold MacKenzie, welder.

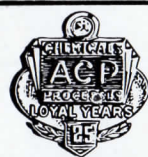
Stanley Clayton making a dipsey.

Booker T. Washington unloading tank car.

Leroy Smith and John Gaines repair a fork truck.



SERVICE



AWARDS

The ACP News congratulates the following employees who have received Service Pin Awards:

15-YEAR PIN: Anthony A. Varsaci.

10-YEAR PINS: Frank R. Sherwood, George Whornham, Charles Ball, Blanche S. VanBuren, Francis Super.

5-YEAR PINS: John A. Berky, Frank J. Piacitelli, Grace W. Brown, Grace J. Taverna, Dominic Giampa, Cynthia J. Gehret, Joseph H. Dudek, John Pistilli, Anna Nolan, John Chimenti, Catherine S. Gramm.

SAFETY REPORT

FOR 1956

Safety records at the end of
July, 1956

Best percentage of improvement
Since July 31, 1955

1. Packaging	1. Shipping
2. Receiving	2. Receiving
3. A. C. P.	3. Packaging
4. Maintenance	4. Construction
5. Construction	5. Maintenance
6. Shipping	6. A. C. D.
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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

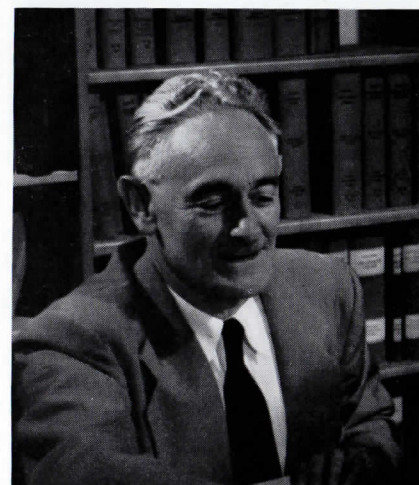
NAME	DATE
Bradford Charles Dorsay	May 17, 1956
Gregory Dean Bishop	May 22, 1956
Mark M. Collmer	June 7, 1956
William Charles Wirshing	June 11, 1956
Donald Michael Sweryda	June 18, 1956
Susan Elizabeth Gehman	June 30, 1956
Henry Sosnowski	July 17, 1956
Anna Marie Raman	July 21, 1956
John Gabriel Mancini	July 25, 1956
Jeanine Tafuro	*October 7, 1954

* Adopted

WEDDINGS

Joseph Rocco — Frances Alico	June 16, 1956
George R. Antonacio — Anna Amelia Gambino	June 23, 1956

DICK REEVES APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF METALWORKING CHEMICALS RESEARCH



Al Douty



Dick Reeves

Dick (Dr. R. F.) Reeves is now Director of Metalworking Chemicals Research. The appointment was announced on August 17th by Alfred Douty, Technical Director of ACP.

Dr. Reeves came with ACP on April 1st as a member of the staff of the Technical Director. His background was described in our May 1956 issue.

Reeves' appointment as Research Director will enable Al Douty as Technical Director of ACP to devote more of his time to closer supervision of all the technical departments of the company.

DETROIT

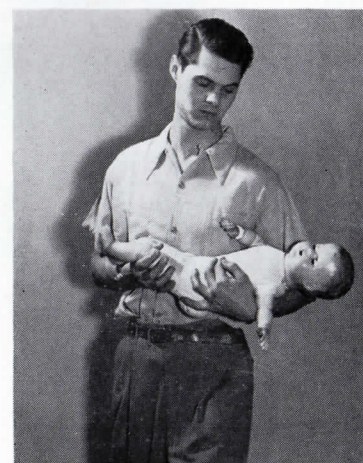
O. E. Crisler and J. J. Linden have been named Staff Assistants to D. L. Miles, Mid-West Manager and will be responsible for the following activities: OEC — Technical Service and field training on general products in automotive industry for Mid-West and Canada. J.J.L. — Sales, Service and personnel training for steel mill activities Mid-West and Canada.

The Mid-West territory has been divided into three sales districts. The following Sales Supervisors have been promoted to this task: L. C. Damsky, whose group will cover Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama, will supervise the following personnel:

ACP CHEMIST ON MAGAZINE COVERS

Many people meeting Ed Hayman for the first time try to remember where they've seen him before. In all probability, Ed's photogenic features have beamed out at them from some science-fiction covers on a newsstand or in a drugstore.

Ed Hayman is now a chemist in the Research Laboratories of the Metalworking Chemicals Division. But back in 1940 while still in high school, he started modelling for magazine covers. In the years that followed Ed appeared on several hundred covers of many different magazines — sports, including football and baseball scenes, outdoor shots, winter sports, snow scenes; science-fiction and space-thrillers; love stories; cartoons and numerous



Johnny Linden

A. E. Beighley, J. E. Hanna, K. C. Kramer and W. P. Sitz.

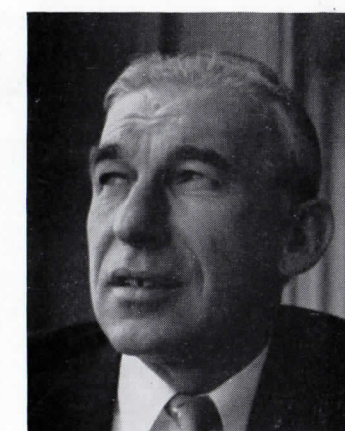
R. G. Entrikin, whose group will cover Michigan and Indiana, will supervise the following personnel: T. J. Bueter, J. M. Eltzroth, R. F. Hawkins, R. C. Meech and G. L. Smith.

G. A. Weikel, whose group will cover Illinois and Wisconsin, will supervise the following personnel: W. C. Chedister and D. J. Gillings.

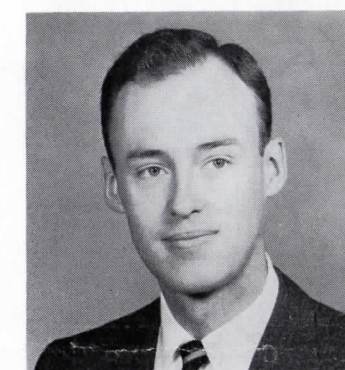
pocket books. Ed has also posed for several different billboard ads.

In cover work, most poses are photographed first and then the picture is painted in oils or water colors. Cartoons are usually rendered in black and white. The illustrations show Ed first in a photographed pose, with a doll model substituting for the man from Mars, and then Ed in the finished painting that later appeared on a cover.

Today, chemistry and marriage keep Ed Hayman busy and the modelling business occupies only a small part of his time. However, the next time you buy a magazine at the newsstand take a good look at the covers. You might still see a face that looks familiar.



O. E. Crisler



Leo Damsky



R. G. Entrikin



George Weikel

NILES



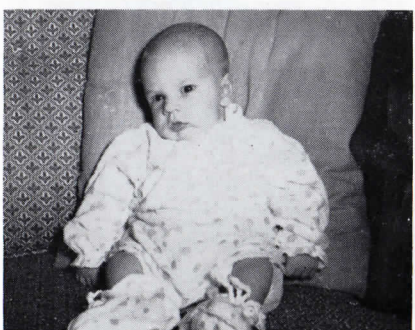
Diane & Gregory Thomas



Carmen Duran



The Wendorfs



William Charles Wirshing
June 11, 1956

In spite of the confusion concerning the incorporation into the Township of "Fremont" (which is still a name on paper), life at ACP goes its even way.

Cap Cunha (warehouse) is now the proud daddy of two, his latest being a husky son named Gregory Thomas. As can be seen from the photo, his "big" sister, Diane, is quite proud of him also!

Carmen Duran (Invoicing), is a first-ranking bowler. To prove this we had Carm have a picture taken of her many awards and with her pet bowling ball! Congratulations, Carmen!

Harold Wendorf (Plant Chemist, et al, etc.) is going all out for salmon fishing. The picture will prove the point and also that though Harold has the "bug", it is Mrs. Wendorf who caught the "catch"! The nice thing about the whole procedure is that the entire family enjoy it together, even his teen-age daughter becoming quite adept at it.

G. H. Williamson, West Coast Manager, is slowly but surely becoming the owner of the only "canned" garden in the Los Gatos area. Everything green and growing thing on his estate is emerging from drums, pails, cans, etc., all guaranteed to make the gophers really work for a meal!

JoAnn Desmond, (Order Desk and Switchboard), wanted to have some shots of her two cute cocker puppies in this issue, but JoAnn and her husband are so busy getting the first "home of their very own" all painted and remodeled, that the pups just had to wait until next time!

Marie Ackerman (Williamson's and Niles' Girl Friday) says she should have a commission from the Small Garden Department. Her nurseryman occasionally sends people up to her cottage to look at the size and color of her sweet peas, the height of her snapdragons, and the deep green of the foliage, telling them that it is all a result of Gro-Stuf, Transplantone, etc. . . . says Marie, "Perhaps I should stay home and pass out Garden Booklets?" Publicity, you know!

"Until vacations, we are just plain busy, and nothing out of the usual. However, I do have an item of interest to me! I am the proud posses-

or of a new Ford Fairlane Victoria, with a Thunderbird engine . . . white and yellow, chassis, with black and white upholstery, and safety features! Quite "bright".

Eddie Martin returned from his two weeks vacation which he spent touring Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada. He came back loaded with pictures and bubbling over with information. We gather he really enjoyed himself.

VALLEY FORGE PLANT ENGINEERS

On April 16, 1956, plant engineers from the Valley Forge area held an informal dinner meeting to discuss the formation of a Plant Engineers' Society for the area. Those in attendance and identified in the picture below are:

Seated, left to right: G. Russell, American Chemical Paint Co., Ambler, Pa.; R. W. Hiller, President of the AIPE, and Plant Engineer at Dravo Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.; P. Noreen, Link-Belt Co., Colmar, Pa.; W. Knapp, Adam Scheidt Brewing Co., Norristown, Pa.; and H. I. Hess, Keasbey & Mattison Co., Ambler, Pa.

The Valley Forge Plant Engineers Club was officially organized May 21, at William Penn Inn. Thirteen plant engineers of industries in the North Penn and Delaware Valley areas attended the meeting.

George Russell (May 1956 issue) was elected president of the organization.

VFPEC will provide a meeting ground for plant engineers to discuss various production and industrial ideas and will also foster better cooperation between the different industries in the area.



ACP PERSONALS

ACCOUNTING



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Two of our young men took unto themselves wives in the month of June.

On June 16, 1956, at St. Joseph Church, Ambler, Joseph Rocco and Frances Alio were married at 10 o'clock in the morning. The Reception was held at 7:30 that evening at the Ambler Liberty Sporting Club. The newly weds spent a very happy week at the resort—Vacation Valley in the Poconos.

On June 23, 1956 at St. Anthony Church, Ambler, George R. Antonacio and Anna Amelia Gambino were married at 10 o'clock in the morning. Their Reception was held that evening at 7 o'clock at the



Frances and Joseph Rocco
June 16, 1956

L R B Hall in Ambler. The couple spent the next week in a delightful motor trip up through the Poconos and then to the Shore.

ACD SALES

Anna Marie Baldwin had a birthday in July. The girls in the Agricultural Chemical Sales helped her celebrate the event by getting together for lunch at Howard Johnsons.

Dan Shaw and his family enjoyed a summer vacation in Chicago. They visited friends and relatives to whom they proudly showed off their new grandson.

Miami Beach rolled out the red carpet for Tony Varsaci and Frank Risolia during the weeks of July 15 and 22.

It is good to see Ann Nolan buzzing around the office again after her visit to the hospital.

AMBLER PLANT

We are glad to hear that George Antonacio, of the Shipping Department, who was stricken on July 6 with a mild heart attack, is recovering nicely. He has been assured by his physician that with a few months rest he will be able to resume normal activity. Our best wishes and lots of good luck, George.

DAN SHAW'S SON WINS SCHOLASTIC HONORS

On June 13, Leonard Shaw, son of Dan Shaw, Agricultural Sales, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated with distinction as the top man of his class and received the A. Atwater Kent Prize which is awarded to the outstanding senior in Moore School of Electrical Engineering.

Leonard was a four-year member of the U. of P. Crew, editor of the Moore School Record and president of the Sigma Tau Engineering Honor Society. He was granted a National Science Foundation Fellowship and will be attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, next year, in preparation for his Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

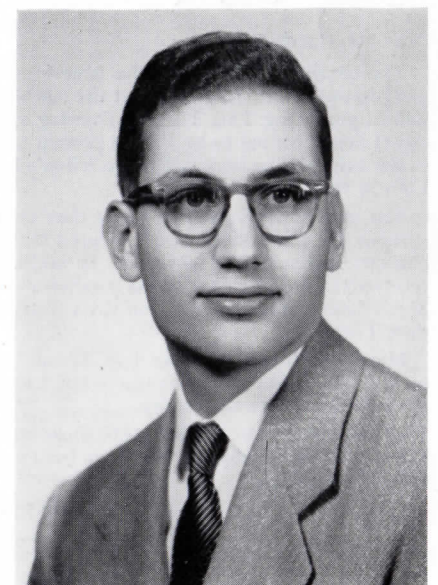
This summer Leonard worked at RCA, Moorestown, New Jersey.



Antonacio Wedding Group,
June 23, 1956;
Ralph, George, Jr., Anna,
Mr. & Mrs. George Antonacio Sr.,
and Donald.



Maurice Wood, Carpenter Maintenance Dept., Retired July 13, 1956.



Leonard Shaw

ACP SOFTBALL TEAM JUST MISSES AMBLER GAZETTE TROPHY



In an end-of-the-season burst of glory, ACP came within a run of winning the Ambler Gazette Softball Tournament last August 24th. However, the sad news is that Joe



Blessing's boys lost to Woodco, 4-3, in the heartbreaking finals at Pickering Field.

Trailing 3-0 in the top of the sixth inning, ACP rallied to tie the championship clash on Gabe Man-

Fred Behringer of THE AMBLER GAZETTE reported the trophy game for this issue. Many thanks, Fred, for your assist!

cini's bases-loaded double. An error in the seventh, however, gave Woodco the Gazette trophy.

Manager, Joe Blessing and his mates found rough going in the early innings. ACP's hard working pitcher, John Zollo, gave up two runs in the first inning on two walks and Jack Taylor's double. Taylor made it 3-0 in the third when he doubled again and came home on an outfield error.

Zollo then settled down and shutout Woodco until the seventh. Meanwhile, ACP tied the count. Catcher Ralph Wood started the rally by reaching first on an in-field error. Then Joe Mancini singled to left and Joe Minio walked to load the bases.

Gabe Mancini's line drive into left center cleared the bases, but the batter was cut down rounding second.

Woodco won in the last inning on a walk and a throwing error.

Zollo in defeat gave up seven hits and five walks. The winner, Gerry Leh, hurled a five-hitter for his Water Tower Senior League Club.

Besides Gabe Mancini and Joe Mancini, Zollo, Emanuel Wood and Ralph Wood hit safely for ACP.

Thus the 1956 Softball Season ends with a championship trophy almost but not quite in the eager clutches of the energetic ACP team. It would have been a pleasure to record a smashing triumph for the Blessing-guided missiles but an error ruined the well-laid plans of ACP. Next year the team will be playing in either the Bux-Mont or Ambler Industrial League and perhaps Lady Luck will smile on ACP sportsmen a little more encouragingly.



ACP SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN TO AMBLER GRADUATES

Dear Mr. Cherksey:

The continued interest of the American Chemical Paint Company in our graduating classes at the Ambler Joint High School is indeed gratifying. Last Tuesday Evening at the Exercises, it was a signal honor for me to be able to present your scholarship of \$400 in the field of chemistry to George Schnabel and another to Martin Lieb in the field of agriculture.

You will be interested to know that George is our top honor student. He has already been accepted for the fall term at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition to these honors he received a scholastic citation on a national scale from the National Merit Scholarships and he won the coveted Ambler Gazette Freedom Trophy.

Martin Lieb is also a fine boy having had a thorough fundamental education in agriculture. He has been accepted at the Pennsylvania State University.

Kindly convey our sentiments to those members of the American Chemical Paint Company who have been active in the granting of these scholarships.

Sincerely yours,
C. K. GEARY
Principal
Ambler Joint High School

Dear Mr. Cherksey:

Last Tuesday at the Ambler Joint High School commencement exercises I was both surprised and delighted when I learned that I was to receive your company's honor award. I want you to know that I am most grateful and hope that in the years to come I will prove to be worthy of this honor.

I am enrolled at Penn State and, starting this fall, will begin the dairy science course. As I am much interested in this subject, I am looking forward to my career at Penn State with a great deal of enthusiasm and your award makes the feeling of anticipation that much pleasanter.

We have a farm in Stillwater, which is in Luzerne County, where we have a herd of about 75 head of pure bred Guernsey cattle. My training at Penn State should help me to take on increased responsibilities at the farm and to improve the herd and the land. I intend to spend this summer working at the farm.

From time to time I intend to write you so as to let you know about my progress at Penn State.

Thanking you again for your fine spirit of generosity, I am

Sincerely yours,
MARTIN LIEB
Lieblund Farm
R. D. 1, Stillwater, Pa.